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1. SUMMARY: DISCUSSION OF SECRETARIAT'S DRAFT REPORT TO TRADE COMMITTEE OF POSSIBLE OPTIONS FOR FURTHERING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EXPORT CONTROLS REVEALED CONSIDERABLE DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS ON REPORT BETWEEN CANADIANS AND AUSTRALIANS, ON ONE HAND, AND MOST OTHER DELS, PARTICULARLY EC COMMISSION, UK AND FRENCH, ON OTHER. AS A RESULT, WORKING PARTY AGREED TO REVISIONS IN FIRST 25 PARAGRAPHS OF DRAFT BUT COULD ONLY GIVE GENERAL GUIDANCE TO SECRETARIAT ON REMAINDER. TCWP AGREED TO MEET JULY 7-8 TO REVIEW REVISED DRAFT OF REPORT, AND TO RECOMMEND THAT TRADE COMMITTEE MEETING TO CONSIDER SUBJECT OF EXPORT CONTROLS BE POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER OR LATER. END SUMMARY.

2. OPENING OF DISCUSSION OF TFD/TD/855 REVEALED STRONG CANADIAN DISSATISFACTION WITH PAPER WHICH THEIR DEL (ELLIOTT) SAID WAS UNBALANCED, CONTAINED TOO MANY VALUE JUDGMENTS, WAS BASED ON FALSE UNDERLYING ASSUMPTIONS, AND WAS DESIGNED TO LEAD TO CONCLUSION THAT MULTILATERAL CODE SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED. HE SAID CANADA COULD NOT SUBSCRIBE TO PAPER AND THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO GO FORWARD AS A SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT ONLY. OTHER DELS, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA, ARGUED FOR EFFORT TO FULFILL TC MANDATE AND TO TURN SECRETARIAT PAPER INTO REPORT WHICH ADEQUATELY REFLECTED VIEWS OF ALL DELS, AND CANADIANS ACQUIESCED IN CONSENSUS TO REDRAFT REPORT IN WORKING PARTY.

3. TCWP PROCEEDED TO GO THROUGH REPORT SENTENCE BY SENTENCE AND AGREED ON LARGE NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS, MOST OF WHICH WERE INITIATED BY CANADA AND AUSTRALIA, TO MAKE REPORT REFLECT VIEWS OF EXPORTERS MORE ADEQUATELY. REPEATED THEME OF CANADIAN AND AUSTRALIAN ARGUMENTS WAS THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT CONCERN ABOUT EXPORT CONTROLS AS A GENERAL PROBLEM OR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEED FOR IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. THEY ALSO INSISTED THAT ANY REFERENCE TO NEW OBLIGATIONS ON EXPORTERS MUST BE BALANCED BY REFERENCE TO SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS ON IMPORTERS. EC COMMISSION, UK AND FRENCH OFFERED MAIN RESISTANCE TO CHANGES DESIRED BY CANADA.

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US DEL TOOK MIDDLE GROUND AND ARGUED FOR BALANCED PAPER WHICH PROVIDED CLEAR STATEMENT OF THE VARIOUS VIEWS AND POSSIBLE OPTIONS.

4. WORKING PARTY WAS ABLE TO AGREE ON FIRST 25 PARAS BUT GAVE ONLY GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO SECRETARIAT REGARDING SECOND HALF OF PAPER BECAUSE OF LACK OF TIME. GROUP AGREED TO RECOMMEND THAT TRADE COMMITTEE POSTPONE ITS CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE UNTIL LATER IN YEAR AND AGREED TO MEET AGAIN JULY 7-8 TO FINALIZE LAST PORTION OF REPORT.

5. COMMENT: MISSION'S PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH CANADIAN DEL BEFORE MEETING REVEALED STRONG CANADIAN HOSTILITY TO DRAFT REPORT AND GREAT RELUCTANCE TO UNDERTAKE DRAFTING EFFORT REQUIRED TO TURN IT INTO DOCUMENT ACCEPTABLE TO GOC. WE BELIEVE OUR ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF PRODUCING BALANCED OPTIONS PAPER FOR TC, PLUS INDICATION THAT CANADA WAS ISOLATED IN WORKING PARTY, LED ELLIOTT TO TAKE MORE CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH, AND PROPOSE SPECIFIC CHANGES RATHER THAN GENERAL OBJECTIONS. ON BASIS OF RESULTS OF WORK DONE AT THE MEETING, WE BELIEVE TCWP SHOULD HAVE FINAL PAPER ACCEPTABLE TO ALL MEMBERS BY MID-JULY WHICH COULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE USE TO TRADE COMMITTEE AND OTHER GROUPS DISCUSSING SUPPLY ACCESS QUESTIONS.
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